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ANNUAL ANISFIELD-WOLF BOOK AWARDS



About the Awards

The Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards recognizes recent books that have made important contributions to our understanding of racism and our appreciation of the rich diversity of human culture. They are books that open and challenge our minds.

Established in 1935, the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards is the only American book award designated specifically to recognize works addressing issues of racism and diversity. Past winners have presented the extraordinary art and culture of peoples around the world, explored human rights violations, exposed the effects of racism on children, reflected on growing up bi-racial and illuminated the dignity of people as they reach for justice.

The awards are given each year to books published in English in the previous year. Generally, one award is given for a work of nonfiction and another for fiction or poetry. An independent jury of nationally recognized scholars selects each year's winning books. Each author receives a monetary prize from the awards fund at a ceremony held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Since 1963, the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards has been administered by The Cleveland Foundation, the nation's first-ever community foundation. Prior to that time, it was under the sponsorship of *Saturday Review*. From the early sixties until 1996, Ashley Montagu, the internationally renowned anthropologist and author, chaired the awards jury.

Cleveland poet and philanthropist Edith Anisfield Wolf established the book awards in honor of her father and husband to reflect her family's passion for issues of social justice.



Edith Anisfield Wolf 1889–1963

From the time she was a young girl, Edith Anisfield Wolf was passionately committed to social justice. Her father, John Anisfield, took great care to nurture his only child's sense of local and world issues. After a successful career in the garment industry, he retired early to devote his life to charity. Edith helped to administer his philanthropy.

A published poet and civic activist, Edith skillfully managed her family's large estate. She was active with the Cleveland Public Library for 20 years, working to ensure that the library had books from all cultures and was a forum where citizens could meet to debate the issues of the day.

Because Edith Anisfield Wolf was a poet, she used literature as a means to explore racial prejudice and to celebrate human diversity. She established the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards in 1935, some 20 years before the landmark *Brown vs. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision.

Upon her death, she left her home to the Cleveland Welfare Association, her books to the Cleveland Public Library and her funds to The Cleveland Foundation for a community service award, aid for the needy and the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards.

1936
Harold Gosnell
*Negro Politicians: The Rise of Negro
Politics in Chicago*
University of Chicago Press

1937
Julian Huxley and A.C. Haddon
*We Europeans: A Survey of
"Racial" Problems*
Harper & Brothers

1938
(no award)

1939
(no award)

1940
E. Franklin Frazier
The Negro Family in the United States
University of Chicago Press

1941
Louis Adamic
From Many Lands
Harper & Brothers

1942
Leopold Infeld
Quest
Doubleday Doran & Co.

James G. Leyburn
The Haitian People
Yale University Press

1943
Zora Neale Hurston
Dust Tracks on a Road
J.B. Lippincott

1944
Maurice Samuel
The World of Sholom Aleichem
Alfred A. Knopf

Roi Ottley
New World A-Coming
Houghton Mifflin Co.

1945
Gwethalyn Graham
Earth and High Heaven
J.B. Lippincott

Gunnar Myrdal
An American Dilemma
Harper & Brothers

1946
Wallace Stegner with the
Editors of *Look*
One Nation
Houghton Mifflin Co.

St. Clair Drake and Horace Cayton
Black Metropolis
Harcourt Brace & World

1947
Sholem Asch
East River
Houghton Mifflin Co.

Pauline R. Kibbe
Latin Americans in Texas
University of New Mexico Press

1948
Worth Tuttle Hedden
The Other Room
Crown Publishers

John Collier
The Indians of the Americas
W.W. Norton & Co.

1949
Alan Paton
Cry, The Beloved Country
Charles Scribner & Sons

J.C. Furnas
*Anatomy of Paradise: Hawaii and
the Islands of the South Seas*
W. Sloane Associates

1950
S. Anghil Fineberg
Punishment Without Crime
Doubleday & Co.

Shirley Graham
Your Most Humble Servant
Julian Messner

Sholem Asch
East River, 1947

1951

John Hersey
The Wall
Alfred A. Knopf

Henry Gibbs
Twilight in South Africa
Philosophical Library

1952

Laurens van der Post
Venture to the Interior
William Morrow & Co.

Brewton Berry
Race Relations
Houghton Mifflin Co.

1953

Han Suyin
A Many-Splendored Thing
Little, Brown & Co.

Farley Mowat
People of the Deer
Little, Brown & Co.

1954

Vernon Barlett
Struggle for Africa
Charles Scribner & Sons

Langston Hughes
Simple Takes a Wife
Simon & Schuster

1955

Oden Meeker
Report on Africa
Charles Scribner & Sons

Lyle Saunders
*Cultural Differences and
Medical Care*
Russell Sage Foundation

1956

John P. Dean and Alex Rosen
A Manual of Intergroup Relations
University of Chicago Press

George W. Shepherd Jr.
They Wait in Darkness
John Day Co.

1957

Father Trevor Huddleston
Naught for Your Comfort
Doubleday & Co.

Gilberto Freyre
*The Masters and the Slaves: A Study in
the Development of Brazilian Civilization*
Alfred A. Knopf

1958

Jessie B. Sams
White Mother
McGraw-Hill Book Co.

**South African Institute of
Race Relations**
Handbook on Race Relations
Oxford University Press

1959

Martin Luther King Jr.
*Stride Toward Freedom:
The Montgomery Story*
Harper & Brothers

**George Eaton Simpson and
J. Milton Yinger**
Racial and Cultural Minorities
Harper & Brothers

1960

John Haynes Holmes
I Speak for Myself
Harper & Brothers

Basil Davidson
The Lost Cities of Africa
Little, Brown & Co.

1961

E.R. Braithwaite
To Sir, With Love
Prentice-Hall Publishers & Co.

Louis B. Lomax
The Reluctant African
Harper & Brothers

Alan Paton
Cry, The Beloved Country, 1949

1962

Gina Allen
The Forbidden Man
Chilton

Dwight L. Dumond
*Antislavery: The Crusade for
Freedom in America*
University of Michigan Press

John Howard Griffin
Black Like Me
Houghton Mifflin Co.

1963

Theodosius Dobzhansky
*Mankind Evolving: The Evolution
of the Human Species*
Yale University Press

1964

**Nathan Glazer and
Daniel P. Moynihan**
*Beyond the Melting Pot: The Negroes,
Puerto Ricans, Jews, Italians and
Irish of New York City*
M.I.T. Press & Harvard University Press

Harold R. Isaacs
The New World of Negro Americans
John Day Co.

Bernhard E. Olson
Faith and Prejudice
Yale University Press

1965

James W. Silver
Mississippi: The Closed Society
Harcourt Brace & World

Milton M. Gordon
*Assimilation in American Life:
The Role of Race, Religion
and National Origins*
Oxford University Press

James M. McPherson
*The Struggle for Equality:
Abolitionists and the Negro in the
Civil War and Reconstruction*
Princeton University Press

Abram L. Sachar
A History of the Jews
Alfred A. Knopf

1966

Claude Brown
Manchild in the Promised Land
Macmillan Publishing Co.

Malcolm X with Alex Haley
The Autobiography of Malcolm X
Grove Press

Amram Scheinfeld
Your Heredity and Environment
J.B. Lippincott

H.C. Baldry
*The Unity of Mankind
in Greek Thought*
Cambridge University Press

1967

Oscar Lewis
La Vida
Random House

David Brion Davis
*The Problem of Slavery
in Western Culture*
Cornell University Press

1968

Raul Hilberg
*The Destruction of
the European Jews*
Quadrangle

Norman Cohn
*Warrant for Genocide:
The Myth of the Jewish
World-Conspiracy and
"The Protocols of the
Elders of Zion"*
Harper & Row

Erich Kahler
The Jews Among the Nations
Ungar

Robert Coles
*Children of Crisis: A Study
of Courage and Fear*
Little, Brown & Co.

Langston Hughes
Simple Takes a Wife, 1954

1969

Gwendolyn Brooks
In the Mecca
Harper & Row

**E. Earl Baughman and
W. Grant Dahlstrom**
*Negro and White Children:
A Psychological Study in
the Rural South*
Academic Press

Stuart Levine and Nancy O. Lurie, eds.
The American Indian Today
Everett/Edwards

Leonard Dinnerstein
The Leo Frank Case
Columbia University Press

1970

Florestan Fernandes
The Negro in Brazilian Society
Columbia University Press

Vine Deloria Jr.
*Custer Died for Your Sins:
An Indian Manifesto*
Macmillan Publishing Co.

Audrie Girdner and Anne Loftis
*The Great Betrayal: The Evacuation
of the Japanese-Americans During
World War II*
Macmillan Publishing Co.

Dan T. Carter
Scottsboro
Louisiana State University Press

1971

Carleton Mabee
*Black Freedom: The Nonviolent
Abolitionists From 1830 Through
the Civil War*
Macmillan Publishing Co.

Robert W. July
A History of the African People
Charles Scribner & Sons

Anthony F. C. Wallace
The Death and Rebirth of the Seneca
Alfred A. Knopf

Stan Steiner
La Raza: The Mexican Americans
Harper & Row

1972

Naboth Makgatle
*The Autobiography of an
Unknown South African*
University of California

John S. Haller Jr.
*Outcasts from Evolution: Scientific
Attitudes of Racial Inferiority, 1859-1900*
University of Illinois Press

George M. Fredrickson
*The Black Image in the White Mind:
The Debate on Afro-American Character
and Destiny, 1817-1914*
Harper & Row

David Loye
The Healing of a Nation
W.W. Norton & Co.

Donald L. Robinson
*Slavery in the Structure of
American Politics / 1765-1820*
Harcourt Brace Jovanovich

1973

Pat Conroy
The Water is Wide
Houghton Mifflin & Co.

Betty Fladeland
*Men & Brothers: Anglo-American
Antislavery Cooperation*
University of Illinois Press

Lee Rainwater
Behind Ghetto Walls
Aldine Publishing Co.

1974

Charles Duguid
Doctor and the Aborigines
Rigby Limited

Michel Fabre
*The Unfinished Quest of
Richard Wright*
William Morrow & Co.

Albie Sachs
Justice in South Africa
University of California Press

Louis Snyder
The Dreyfus Case
Rutgers University Press

Oscar Lewis
La Vida, 1967

1975

Leon Poliakov
The Aryan Myth
Basic Books

Eugene D. Genovese
Roll, Jordan, Roll
Pantheon Books

1976

Lucy S. Dawidowicz
The War Against the Jews, 1933–1945
Holt, Rinehart & Winston

Raphael Patai and Jennifer P. Wing
The Myth of the Jewish Race
Charles Scribner & Sons

Thomas Kiernan
The Arabs
Little, Brown & Co.

1977

Richard Kluger
*Simple Justice: The History of
Brown v. Board of Education and
Black America's Struggle for Equality*
Alfred A. Knopf

Michi Weglyn
*Years of Infamy: The Untold Story of
America's Concentration Camps*
William Morrow & Co.

Colson Whitehead
John Henry Days, 2002

1978

Maxine Hong Kingston
The Woman Warrior
Alfred A. Knopf

Allan Chase
*The Legacy of Malthus: The Social
Costs of the New Scientific Racism*
Alfred A. Knopf

1979

Phillip V. Tobias, ed.
*The Bushmen: San Hunters and
Herders of Southern Africa*
Human & Rousseau

1980

Urie Bronfenbrenner
The Ecology of Human Development
Harvard University Press

Richard Borshay Lee
*The Kung San: Men, Women and
Work in a Foraging Society*
Cambridge University Press

1981

Carol Beckwith and
Tepilit Ole Saitoti
Maasai
Harry N. Abrams

Jamake Highwater
Song From the Earth
Little, Brown & Co.

1982

Geoffrey G. Field
Evangelist of Race
Columbia University Press

Peter John Powell
People of the Sacred Mountain
Harper & Row

1983

Wole Soyinka
Ake: The Years of Childhood
Random House

Richard Rodriguez
Hunger for Memory
David R. Godine

1984

Jose Alcina Franch
Pre-Columbian Art
Harry N. Abrams

Humbert S. Nelli
*From Immigrants to Ethnicity:
The Italian Americans*
Oxford University Press

1985

Breyten Breytenbach
Mouroir: Mirrornotes of a Novel
Farrar, Strauss & Giroux

David S. Wyman
The Abandonment of the Jews
Pantheon Books

1986

James North

*Freedom Rising: Life Under Apartheid
Through the Eyes of an American on a
Four-Year Clandestine Journey
Through Southern Africa*
Macmillan Publishing Co.

**Barton Wright and
Clifford Bahnimptewa**

Kachinas: A Hopi Artist's Documentary
Northland Press

Donald Alexander Downs

*Nazis in Skokie: Freedom, Community
and the First Amendment*
Notre Dame University Press

1987

Gail Sheehy

Spirit of Survival
William Morrow & Co.

Arnold Rampersad

The Life of Langston Hughes
Oxford University Press

1988

Toni Morrison

Beloved
Alfred A. Knopf

Nadine Gordimer

A Sport of Nature
Alfred A. Knopf

Abigail M. Thernstrom

*Whose Votes Count? Affirmative Action
and Minority Voting Rights*
Harvard University Press

**Walter F. Morris Jr. and
Jeffrey Jay Foxx**

Living Maya
Harry N. Abrams

1989

Henry Louis Gates Jr.

*The Schomburg Library of
Nineteenth-Century Black Women
Writers (30 volumes)*
Oxford University Press

Peter Sutton

*Dreamings: The Art of
Aboriginal Australia*
George Braziller

Taylor Branch

*Parting the Waters: America
in the King Years, 1954-63*
Simon & Schuster

George Lipsitz

*A Life in the Struggle: Ivory Perry
and the Culture of Opposition*
Temple University Press

1990

Dolores Kendrick

*The Women of Plums: Poems in
the Voices of Slave Women*
William Morrow & Co.

Hugh Honour

*The Image of the Black in
Western Art From the
American Revolution to
World War I, Vol. 4, Part 1,
Slaves and Liberators, and
Vol. 4, Part 2, Black Models
and White Myths*
Menil Foundation in
association with
Harvard University Press

1991

Forrest G. Wood

*The Arrogance of Faith: Christianity
and Race in America from the
Colonial Era to the Twentieth Century*
Alfred A. Knopf

Walter A. Jackson

*Gunnar Myrdal and America's
Conscience: Social Engineering and
Racial Liberalism, 1938-1987*
University of North Carolina Press

Carol Beckwith and Angela Fisher

*African Ark: People and Ancient Cultures
of Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa*
Harry N. Abrams

Vernon E. Jordan Jr.
Vernon Can Read, 2002

1992

Elaine Menseh and Harry Menseh
*The IQ Mythology: Class, Race,
Gender and Inequality*
Southern Illinois University Press

Melissa Faye Greene
Praying for Sheetrock
Addison-Wesley

Marilyn Nelson Waniek
The Homeplace
Louisiana State University Press

Peter Hayes, ed.
*Lessons and Legacies: The Meaning
of the Holocaust in a Changing World*
Northwestern University Press

1993

Sandra Cisneros
*Woman Hollering Creek and
Other Stories*
Random House

Kwame Anthony Appiah
In My Father's House
Oxford University Press

Marija Gimbutas
The Civilization of the Goddess
Harper San Francisco

1994

David Levering Lewis
*W.E.B. Du Bois: Biography of a
Race, 1868–1919*
Henry Holt and Co.

Judith Ortiz Cofer
The Latin Deli
The University of Georgia Press

Ronald Takaki
A Different Mirror
Little, Brown & Co.

1995

Reginald Gibbons
Sweetbitter
Broken Moon Press

Brent Staples
*Parallel Time: Growing Up in
Black and White*
Pantheon Books

William H. Tucker
*The Science and Politics of
Racial Research*
University of Illinois Press

1996

Madison Smartt Bell
All Souls' Rising
Pantheon

Jonathan Kozol
Amazing Grace
Crown Publishers

1997

Jamaica Kincaid
The Autobiography of My Mother
Farrar, Strauss & Giroux

James McBride
The Color of Water
Putnam

1998

Toi Derricote
The Black Notebooks
W.W. Norton & Co.

Walter Mosley
*Always Outnumbered,
Always Outgunned*
W.W. Norton & Co.

1999

Russell Banks
Cloudsplitter
HarperCollins

Congressman John Lewis
*Walking With the Wind: A Memoir
of the Movement*
Simon & Schuster

2000

Chang-rae Lee
A Gesture Life
Riverhead Books

Edward W. Said
Out of Place
Alfred A. Knopf

Abigail M. Thernstrom
*Whose Votes Count?
Affirmative Action and Minority
Voting Rights, 1988*

2001

David Levering Lewis
*W.E.B. Du Bois: The Fight for Equality
and the American Century, 1919–1963*
Henry Holt and Co.

F.X. Toole
Rope Burns: Stories from the Corner
Ecco Press/HarperCollins

2002

Quincy Jones
*Q: The Autobiography of
Quincy Jones*
Doubleday

Vernon E. Jordan Jr.
Vernon Can Read
Public Affairs

Colson Whitehead
John Henry Days
Anchor Books

2003

Stephen L. Carter
The Emperor of Ocean Park
Alfred A. Knopf

Samantha Power
*A Problem from Hell:
America and the Age of Genocide*
New Republic/Basic Books

Reetika Vazirani
World Hotel
Copper Canyon Press

2004

Ira Berlin
*Generations of Captivity: A History
of African-American Slaves*
Harvard University Press

Edward P. Jones
The Known World
Amistad Press/HarperCollins

Adrian Nicole LeBlanc
*Random Family: Love, Drugs, Trouble,
and Coming of Age in the Bronx*
Scribner

2005

Edwidge Danticat
The Dew Breaker
Alfred A. Knopf

A. Van Jordan
M•A•C•N•O•L•I•A
W. W. Norton & Co.

Geoffrey C. Ward
*Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise
and Fall of Jack Johnson*
Alfred A. Knopf

2006

Jill Lepore
*New York Burning: Liberty,
Slavery, and Conspiracy in
Eighteenth-Century Manhattan*
Alfred A. Knopf

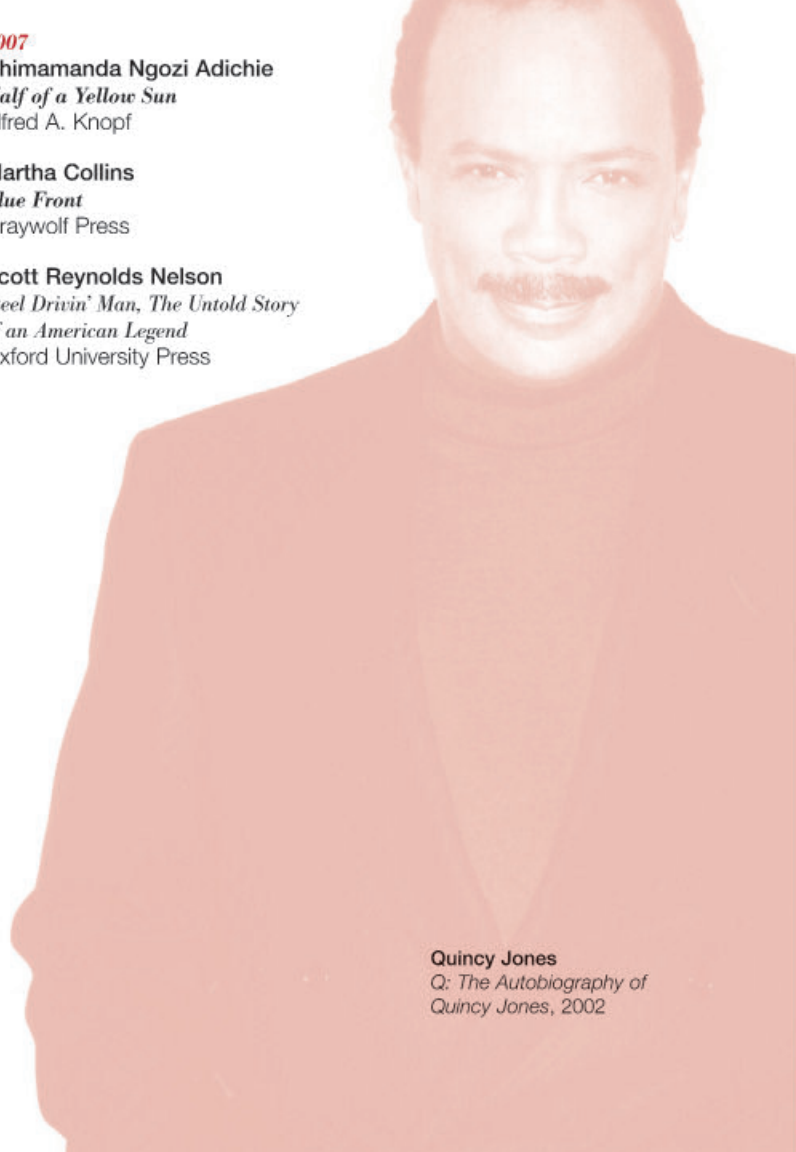
Zadie Smith
On Beauty
Penguin Press

2007

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Half of a Yellow Sun
Alfred A. Knopf

Martha Collins
Blue Front
Graywolf Press

Scott Reynolds Nelson
*Steel Drivin' Man, The Untold Story
of an American Legend*
Oxford University Press



Quincy Jones
*Q: The Autobiography of
Quincy Jones, 2002*

Special Landmark Achievement Award

This award was given on the 40th anniversary of the publication of *Invisible Man*.

1992

Ralph Ellison

Random House, 1952



Lifetime Achievement Award Winners

In recent years, the book awards jury has given a Lifetime Achievement Award to individuals whose life work has enhanced an understanding of cultural diversity.

1996

Dorothy West, author

1997

Albert L. Murray, musician and author

1998

Gordon Parks, photographer and artist

1999

John Hope Franklin, historian

2000

Ernest J. Gaines, author

2001

Lucille Clifton, poet

2002

Jay Wright, poet

2003

Adrienne Kennedy, playwright

2004

Derek Walcott, poet and playwright

2005

August Wilson, playwright

2006

William Demby, novelist

2007

Taylor Branch, historian

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Eligibility

Only books written in English and published in the preceding year are eligible for the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards. Plays and screenplays are not eligible, nor are works in progress. Manuscripts and self-published works are not eligible, and no grants are made for completing or publishing manuscripts.

Submitting a Book for Consideration

There are no application forms or fees. Simply complete an entry form and send five (5) copies of the book you would like to have considered to the address on the form. Forms are available at www.anisfield-wolf.org. The submission deadline is December 31 of the year the book was published and the award winners are announced in the following spring. For more information, contact the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards, The Cleveland Foundation, 1422 Euclid Avenue, Suite 1300, Cleveland, OH 44115 or visit www.anisfield-wolf.org.

An independent panel of nationally known jurors selects the Anisfield-Wolf winners. The current jury is chaired by Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr. and includes Rita Dove, Joyce Carol Oates, Steven Pinker and Simon Schama.

The Awards Jury

Henry Louis Gates Jr.

Chairperson
Alphonse Fletcher
University Professor
Harvard University



Rita Dove

Commonwealth Professor
of English
University of Virginia



Joyce Carol Oates

Roger S. Berlind '52
Professor in the Humanities
Princeton University



Steven Pinker, Ph.D.

Johnstone Family Professor
of Psychology
Harvard University

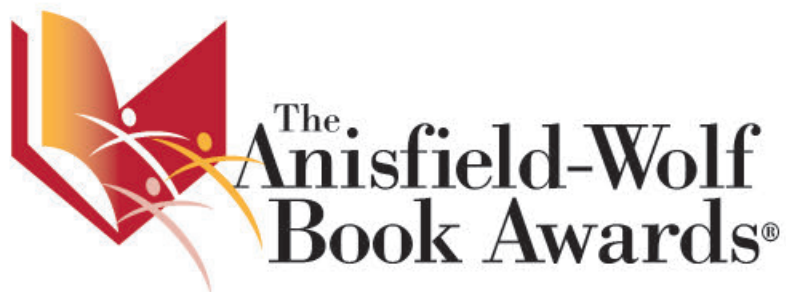


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Columbia University



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